

Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

December 20, 2007

Clifford W. Taylor,
Chief Justice

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Michael F. Cavanagh
Elizabeth A. Weaver
Marilyn Kelly
Maura D. Corrigan
Robert P. Young, Jr.
Stephen J. Markman,
Justices

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

SC: 134797
COA: 279981
Oakland CC: 2005-202702-FC

ROBERT CHARLES KIPFER,
Defendant-Appellant.

On order of the Court, the application for leave to appeal the August 30, 2007 order of the Court of Appeals is considered and, pursuant to MCR 7.302(G)(1), in lieu of granting leave to appeal, we REMAND this case to the Court of Appeals. That court shall treat the defendant's delayed application for leave to appeal as having been filed within the deadline set forth in MCR 7.205(F) and shall decide whether to grant, deny, or order other relief, in accordance with MCR 7.205(D)(2). The defendant's attorney acknowledges that the defendant did not contribute to the delay in filing and admits his sole responsibility for the error. Accordingly, the defendant was deprived of his direct appeal as a result of constitutionally ineffective assistance of counsel. See *Roe v Flores-Ortega*, 528 US 470, 477; 120 S Ct 1029; 145 L Ed 2d 985 (2000); *Peguero v United States*, 526 US 23, 28; 119 S Ct 961; 143 L Ed 2d 18 (1999).

Costs are imposed against the attorney, only, in the amount of \$250, to be paid to the Clerk of this Court.

We do not retain jurisdiction.



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I, Corbin R. Davis, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

December 20, 2007

Corbin R. Davis

Clerk